



Children and Youth Cabinet

Commissions, Councils & Task Forces

The first meeting of the Cabinet's Committee on Commissions, Councils and Task Forces was held on July 14, 2008, at Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida.

In Attendance:

Dick Batchelor, Chairperson
Jim Kallinger, Office of Adoption

Absent:

Shan Goff
Kim McDougal
Meade Grigg
Cindy Guerra
General Bob Butterworth

Other Interested persons attending:

Penny Deutsch, Florida Local Advocacy Council
Kathleen Rose, RN, President School Nurses Association

The following are high lights of the meeting and proposed recommendations.

- Convene a Committee meeting towards the end of August in Tallahassee and invite the staff director and/or the executive director of each task force represented on the matrix report to come before the Committee and present the top 3-5 recommendations outlined in the matrix report that have not yet been implemented and that will assist the Cabinet in achieving their duties and responsibilities as outlined in statute.
- Ask Alisa Ghazvini about other "blue ribbon" committee recommendations and why they were not included in the matrix report. Are there other "blue ribbon" committee reports? What about the Florida Bar report on "The Legal Needs of Children"?

- Gather all OPAGGA reports related to child welfare. See OPAGGA report list distributed at an earlier Cabinet meeting. Compare the reports to any related recommendations presented to the Committee.
- Take list of recommendations to OPB for input on fiscal impact of each recommendation.
- Have staff directors convene a meeting to consider list of recommendations and identify any duplication of effort and then compile a final list for the Committee.
- Have the executive director and/or chairman of each task force come before the Committee at a future date to present the final list.